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**CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION  
TRANSMITTAL** (for Continuing  
Applications under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 72499

First Named Inventor or Application  
Identifier:  
**Iwano et al.**

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Box PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
ATTENTION: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) for  
filing a:

- ☒ Continuation application,
- ☐ Divisional application,
- ☐ Continuation-in-Part application,

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of pending prior application number PCT/JP00/03561, filed on June 1, 2000 by  
inventor(s) Iwano et al. for OPTICAL CONNECTION PLUG, MANUFACTURING METHOD  
THEREOF AND ASSEMBLING TOOL.

1. ☐ This is a continuation or divisional application. Enclosed is a copy of the prior  
application as originally filed, including specification, claims, drawings, and oath or  
declaration.

- or -

- ☒ Enclosed is a patent application (for continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part  
applications) containing:

- ☒ 106 pages of the specification (including claims).
- ☒ 25 sheet(s) of drawings. ☒ Formal ☐ Informal

2. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This is a  
☐ continuation, ☐ division, ☐ continuation-in-part, of prior application number  
      , filed       , which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.--  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or  
declaration is supplied under paragraph 3 below, is considered as being part of the  
disclosure of the accompanying application, and is hereby incorporated by reference  
therein.

3. ☐ A copy of the executed Oath or Declaration filed in the prior nonprovisional application is enclosed.
4. ☒ Inventorship:
  - ☐ A newly-executed Oath or Declaration and Power of Attorney is enclosed (for continuation-in-part applications, or for continuation or divisional applications naming an inventor not named in the prior application) (§ 1.63(a), (d)(5) and (e)).
  - ☐ Because this application is being filed by fewer than all of the inventors named in the prior application, delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(1)(2)):  

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  - ☒ The names of persons believed to be the actual inventors are set forth in the enclosed unexecuted Oath or Declaration and Power of Attorney (§ 1.41(a) and § 1.53(b)).
5. ☐ An Assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_, and cover sheet are enclosed.
  - ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the fee for recording the assignment is enclosed.
6. ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☐ Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a)(2)):
  - ☐ Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status.
  - ☐ Status as a small entity is not claimed.
8. ☐ A 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) statement is enclosed where an assignee seeks to take action.
9. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
10. ☒ Drawings:
  - ☐ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file. (May be used only if signed by person authorized by § 1.138 and before payment of basic issue fee.)
  - ☒ New formal drawings are enclosed.

☐ Informal drawings are enclosed.

11. ☒ A separate written request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3), which is a general authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, is enclosed.

12. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

☐ A Form PTO-1449 is enclosed.

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ References (copies) listed on the Form PTO-1449 are enclosed.

13. ☐ A Computer Program Listing Appendix is enclosed.

☐ A Transmittal Cover Letter for Computer Program Listing Appendix is enclosed.

☐ Two (2) Compact Discs are enclosed.

14. ☐ A Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission is enclosed.

☐ A Computer Readable Copy is enclosed.

☐ A Paper Copy (Identical to Computer Copy) is enclosed.

☐ A Statement Verifying Identity of above Copies is enclosed.

15. ☒ A Return Receipt Postcard is enclosed (MPEP §503).

16. ☒ Priority of application number 11-153922 filed on June 1, 1999 in Japan claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

☐ The certified copy of the priority document has been filed in prior application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed.

17. ☒ Power of Attorney:

☐ The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

☒ Kenneth H. Samples, Registration No. 25,747  
FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY  
 Suite 1600  
 120 South LaSalle Street  
 Chicago, Illinois 60603-3406.  
 and other members of the firm.

☒ Customer Number 22242.

☐ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers in the prior application, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

18. ☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

19. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

Fee Calculation for Claims as Filed in the Prior Application,  
Less Any Claims Cancelled by Amendment

Basic Utility Fee				\$740.00	\$	740.00
Independent Claims	<u>9</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>6</u>	x \$ 84.00 = \$ 504.00
Total Claims	<u>26</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>6</u>	x \$ 18.00 = \$ 108.00
Fee for Multiply Dependent Claims				\$280.00		

or

Basic Design Fee	\$330.00	
Total Filing Fee	\$	1,352.00

☐ Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status, reducing the Filing Fee by half to: \$ 0.00

20. ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

21. ☒ Charge \$ 1,352.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. **Transaction Nos. 949, 950 and 951.**

22. ☐ The payment of the Filing Fee is to be deferred until the Declaration is filed. Do not charge our Deposit Account.

23. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
24. ☐ Also enclosed:
25. ☒ Address all future communications to Customer Number 22242.



November 29, 2001  
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**GENERAL AUTHORIZATION FOR PETITION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3)**

Applicant(s) hereby request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3) by this general authorization that any concurrent or future reply submitted by Applicant(s) to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for the above-identified patent application requiring a petition for an extension of time under §1.136(a) for its timely submission be treated as incorporating therein a petition for an extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

If Applicant(s) do not timely pay for any extension fee(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) which may become due for this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 by check, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee(s), and any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re International Application of

Shinichi IWANO et al.

International Application No.: PCT/JP00/03561  
International filing date: June 1, 2000

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ASSEMBLING TOOL

VERIFICATION OF TRANSLATION

Honorable Commissioner of Patent and Trademark  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Kazuo ABE residing at c/o TANI & ABE, No. 6-20, Akasaka 2-chome,  
Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-0052, Japan, declares:

- (1) that he knows well both the Japanese and English languages;
- (2) that he translated the claims of the above-identified International Application from Japanese to English;
- (3) that the attached English translation is a true and correct translation of the claims, specification and drawings of the above-identified International Application to the best of his knowledge and belief; and
- (4) that all statements made of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC 1001, and that such false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

November 20, 2001

Date

  
Kazuo ABE